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SEARL'S
WINTER FLOWERING
SPENCER SWEET PEAS

SEARL & SONS,
86 KING ST., SYDNEY.

SEARL'S GLORIOUS WINTER FLOWERS

THIS class of Sweet Peas has now established itself and is being cultivated very largely. The introduction of many new and distinct varieties recently, enables growers to produce blooms equal in size and colour of the most esteemed Spring and Summer Flowering Peas. The great advantage over the latter class is the length of blooming of the Winter Flowering Spencers—sown in succession a grand supply of flowers can be obtained for six or seven months of the year from March till October.

We offer this year a unique collection of some distinct varieties, several being offered for the first time, in addition to a very choice mixture, also YARRAWA SPENCER and CONCORD HYBRIDS. We can with every confidence recommend these Peas to our customers.

Cultivation of SEARL'S Winter Flowering SPENCER SWEET PEAS

In the vicinity of Sydney and districts of similar altitudes a first sowing should be made in January and successive sowings in February, March and April and again in July—in colder districts sow in March and April and again in the early Spring. To obtain the best results the soil should be well prepared by trenching and enriching with well rotted dairy or stable manure, and a little bone dust well incorporated with the soil. After preparation the land should be allowed to stand at least a month or six weeks before the seed is sown. Select a warm situation and sow the seed about 3 in. or 4 in. apart, and if show blooms are required thin out the plants 6 in. to 9 in. As soon as they are a few inches high support the plants with sticks or wire netting. Liberal waterings and spraying the foliage will keep the plants in good growth.

NEW VARIETIES OFFERED FOR THE FIRST TIME. 1/- per packet

PINK PERFECTION—The most striking Pea exhibited last season, a clear shell pink self, immense standard, with bold wings which fold back, giving the appearance of a double standard; beautiful symmetrical flowers of great substance; an ideal florist's bloom.

FLORENCE SULMAN—Raised by Miss Young. The colour is a rich cerise self, perfectly formed, bold flower, borne on long stout stems, many times showing four blooms—a splendid acquisition. Specially good for show purposes,

LAVENDER BICOLOR—Beautiful combination of colours, standard being a self lavender with pure white wings, fine bold flower, borne 3 and 4 on a stem, splendid exhibition variety.

BEAUTY—Delightful shade of apricot pink with lighter wings, beautifully waved standard, and a beautiful flower for show and decorative purposes.

LAVENDER PINK—Delicate shade of pale pink shading to lavender. very dainty flower borne on long stems. An ideal florist's flower.

PINK PEARL—A beautiful deep rose pink, lighter at base on both standard and wings. The standard is very bold, beautifully waved and the wings are long, giving the flower a well balanced appearance, mostly borne 3 and 4 on a stem, Fine exhibition variety.

BLANCHE FERRY SPENCER—Similar in colour to the old spring variety. The standard is bright rose, the wings being pinkish or bluish white.

PRESIDENT—Very handsome and distinct variety, being a rose and carmine, the colours intermingling throughout.

ROYAL BLUE—The name truly describes the colour of this very fine Pea, and it is really the finest of this shade yet introduced.

PRIDE OF WINDSOR—A Queensland raised variety and probably the finest and largest cerise Pea yet shown. The standard is a rich cerise self, wings somewhat lighter. Excellent for exhibition purposes.

PICOTEE—Deep cream ground with deep pink picotee edge, very distinct and exquisitely beautiful flower.

ERIC HATCHER—Rose Pink, quite distinct, blooms of largest size, beautiful table flower,

ORANGE PERFECTION—Quite distinct from any other colour we have seen. The standard is bold and well weaved, of pure orange salmon, lighter wings,

1 packet of each of above New Varieties for 10/6

SPENCER SWEET PEAS

NAMED VARIETIES

LILAC GEM—A true lilac shade, exceptionally dainty colour. Fine bold flower. 6d. pkt.

PRIMROSE QUEEN—Soft primrose colour, fine bold flower with beautifully waved standard, lighter towards edge, giving the flower a dainty appearance. 6d. per packet.

CYANEOUS—A delightful shade of porcelain blue, with lighter blue marblings on wings, fine bold standard. 1/- per packet.

CHERRY RIPE—As the name implies, the colour is a rich cherry red self, standard strong, well-balanced flower. 6d. per packet.

ROYAL PURPLE—A striking and handsome flower, rich glowing purple standard, with amethyst veinings, wings a purplish blue, giving the whole flower a gorgeous colouring. 6d. per packet.

WHITE QUEEN—A pure white flower of great substance, long stems carrying frequently four blooms to each, equal in every way to the best white Summer Peas. Splendid for cutting. 6d. per packet.

INCOMPARABILIS—Beautiful ivory white flower with rose pink picotee edge, a most delicate combination of colours. 6d. per packet.

PURPLE KING—Gorgeous combination of colours, pure purple and maroon. Well formed, true Spencer type. 6d. per packet.

MOLLIE—A glorious shade of rich purple with red veinings throughout. True Spencer, and of robust habit. 6d. per packet.

YARRAWA—Pale rose, changing to pink as flower develops, lighter wings, large blooms, beautifully waved; a most gorgeous variety. 6d. per packet.

SCARLET KING—A splendid scarlet flower of wonderful brilliance, sunproof, large waved type, perfect form. 6d. per packet.

ILLUSTRIS—A brilliant flower, charming cerise self, giant blooms, long stems, very showy, and exceptionally heavy bloomer. 6d. per packet.

DELICATA—Charming shade of pale pink, robust grower, flowers nearly always four on a stem. Good decorative and bouquet variety. Splendid for cutting. 1/- per packet.

BLUE BELL—A charming shade of pale blue self, beautifully waved of true Spencer type. 1/- per packet.

BLACK CHIEF—Rich glowing maroon self, similar to the well-known Othello, well formed, perfectly waved. 6d. per packet.

MISS ROWLEY—Fine strong grower, invariably four flowers borne on long stout stems. An ideal florist's flower, the colour being lavender mauve. 6d. per packet.

RED PRINCE—A glorious shade of carmine scarlet, and a distinct type of true Spencer form, very vigorous. A great acquisition. 6d. per packet.

GLORIOUS—Beautiful shade of orange salmon; true Spencer form. A colour much sought after and should be in every collection. 1/- per packet.

BLUE FLAKE—Colour is a beautiful deep rich blue flake over greyish white ground; very distinct, and should be in every show collection. 1/- per packet.

MISS GILLESPIE—Rosy mauve standard, with light blue wings, large size and good exhibition flower. 1/- per packet.

CONCORD CHARM—Light heliotrope standard, bluish white wings, a very pretty combination of colours, true Spencer form of large size. 1/- per packet.

CONCORD COUNTESS—Beautiful shade of pink, lighter at base, very large flower. 1/- pkt.

DAIRYMAID—An enormous flower, standard a pleasing shade of red, the wings light pink, shading to white. 6d. per packet.

RED FLAKE—Beautiful striped and flaked scarlet on a white ground, strong grower, producing large blooms on long stiff stems. 1/- per packet.

BRIDESMAID—Beautiful white flower, faintly flushed with pale pink. Very attractive. 1/- per packet.

CONCORD PURPLE—Very large blooms, the colour is a delightful shade of mauvy purple, changing to purple blue. 1/- per packet.

SPECIAL OFFER

Any 6 packets at 6d. for 2/6 post free

„ 12 „ „ 5/- „

Any 6 packets at 1/- for 5/- post free

„ 12 „ „ 10/- „

The full collection of 39 Varieties for 25/- post free

SEARL'S SPECIAL MIXTURE

- I. OUR SOVEREIGN STRAIN. A most beautiful collection, embracing NAMED and UNNAMED VARIETIES, in a glorious mixture. 1/- and 2/6 packet.
- II. HATCHER'S MIXED. A choice mixture of named and unnamed varieties. A splendid collection. 1/- and 2/6 packet.
- III. CONCORD HYBRIDS. A most glorious selection of colours. 6d. packet.

Searl's Sovereign Seeds

NEW SEEDS FOR THE NEW SEASON
CHOICE FLOWER SEEDS FOR PRESENT SOWING

SEARL'S MAMMOTH STOCKS

Prime Seed of strong growth. A unique collection of named varieties.

MAKE YOUR SELECTION FROM THE FOLLOWING

MAMMOTH NICE VARIETIES

PURPLE KING. Good Purple.
LIGHT BLUE. Good Colour.
CANARY YELLOW. Pale Yellow.
ABUNDANCE. Rose Pink.
MADAME RIVOIRE. Large White.
ALMOND BLOSSOM. White edged Pink.

ROSE OF NICE. Rosy Mauve.
WHITE QUEEN. Splendid White.
CARMINE OF NICE. Pretty shade.
SOLIEL DE NICE. Good Yellow.
MONT BLANC. Good White.
BEAUTY OF NICE. Flesh Pink.

PEACH BLOSSOM. Deep Pink.
LA BRILLIANT. Bright Crimson.
NUIT D'ETE. Deep Blue.
CRIMSON KING. Good Crimson.
QUEEN ALEXANDRA. Deep Rosy Lilac.
PRIDE OF KELLER. Glorious Purple.

All the above at 6d. per packet

SPECIAL OFFER—Any six (6) Packets selected from above for 2/6 post free.

Searl's Speciality—Our Sovereign Mixture

A Superb Mixture of Named STOCKS, that we
can thoroughly recommend 1/- and 2/6 packet.

SEARL'S SPECIALITIES IN CHOICE FLOWER SEEDS

ALTHAEA, Hollyhock—Choice double mixed, a good assortment of colours. Attains height of 8 feet, very floriferous. 6d. per packet.

CALCEOLARIA. Kelway's Perfect Model.
A magnificent strain, large flowers, and a superb mixture. 2/6 packet.

CYCLAMEN. Searl's Sovereign Strain.
A glorious collection of these favourites, large blossoms. Superb mixture. 2/6 pkt.

CINERARIA. Searl's Sovereign Strain.
Colonial saved seed. Immense flowers, a most glorious collection of colours. 1/6 per packet.

CINERARIA. Kelway's Perfect Model.
Immense heads, of good quality. A magnificent collection of all colours. 2/6 packet.

DELPHINIUM. Searl's Sovereign Strain.
Colonial grown seed saved from the well-known "Kelway's Strain." A superb mixture. 1/- and 2/6 packet.

LEPTOSYNE MARITIMA—Large single yellow, marguerite flowers, free flowering, splendid for cutting. 3d. per packet.

NEMESIA, Searl's Sovereign Strain—Colonial saved seed. Hardy winter flowering annual. A glorious mixture of colours. 6d. per packet.

PANSY. Searl's Sovereign Strain.
A most magnificent collection of giant flowered varieties. A superb mixture for exhibition. 1/6 and 2/6 packet.

PANSY. Kelway's Exhibition.
Large flowered type. Suitable for exhibiting. A wonderful collection of assorted colours. 1/- packet.

PRIMULA. Chinese Primrose. A very pretty flowering pot plant. A glorious collection of mixed colours. 1/- packet.

WALLFLOWER, Double Mixed—A beautiful collection of these old time favourites in a glorious mixture. 6d. per packet.

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